Lewis, Thomas B. '82

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, AND STATISTICAL SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date 12-23-82

Full Name Thomas Benton Lewis

Address 601 East Willorbrook Drive

City Burlington State N.C. Zip Code 27215

Date of Birth 7-8-36

Approximate age 46

Religion Methodist Nationality American

Occupation disabled

Education some college (Elon College)

Weight 250 Height 6'1" Race White (caucasion)

Color of hair white Color of eyes blue

Outstanding characteristics or interests Cub Day Camp; Order of Arrow

Married or single divorced Children 3 - Walter, 18; William - 15; Wayne - 13
(number, ages, and names)

Wife's name

Scouting connections:

Unit No.	City	State	Office	Date registered	Date resigned
Pack 103	Burlington	NC	Cubmaster	To 1-1-83	12-21-82
Troop 103	Burlington	NC	Asst. Scoutmaster	To 1-1-83	12-21-82

Special recognition District Award of Merit, Scouter's Award, Scouter's Key

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

Homosexual Activity (see attached)

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATIONS):

APPROVED
JAN 25 '83
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed Billy H. Brackett
Scout Executive

Council Cherokee #417

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January 26, 1983

MR. Billy H. Brackett
Scout Executive
Cherokee Council No. 417

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Thomas Benton Lewis

Dear Billy:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

January 4, 1983

Mr. Billy H. Brackett
Scout Executive
Cherokee Council No. 417

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Billy:

Thank you for the information on Thomas Benton Lewis. This will be very helpful in refusing registration at a later date if he tries to register either in your council or in some other council.

If you find evidence of any other situations which would help to strengthen our file, please send them to me so that the file will be complete in case neither of us are on our present job when this individual tries again to register.

Thanks again for the complete record which you have sent. We would also like to have information if it is decided that any legal action is to be taken against Mr. Lewis.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My son, [redacted] was invited by Tommy Lewis to spend the night after our Church's Christmas program which was held on Sunday, December 19, 1982. Tommy informed [redacted] that several of [redacted] friends from school were coming and they planned to have a party. [redacted] asked our permission and, as usual, we asked who was going to be there and he said Tommy told him [redacted] and [redacted] and others. Therefore, we gave our permission.

On the morning of December 20, 1982 at approximately 3:45 a.m., [redacted] called home and asked me to pick him up. I asked what was the matter, and he said he wanted to come home. I, again, asked what was wrong, and he said he did not feel good and to please come and get him. I knew, from the tone in his voice, there was something else wrong, but felt I should get up and go get him right away. I told my husband, [redacted], about the phone call and he immediately got up and we both went to pick up [redacted] When we arrived, he right away came out of Tommy's apartment and when he got in the car, he started crying. We asked him what was the matter and he said he just wanted to go hom. However, we told him we could not leave until he told us what was the problem. [redacted] related in detail that Tommy Lewis had come to the couch where he was sleeping and made homosexual advances toward him.

When [redacted] finished relating what had happened, we turned around and went back to Tommy's apartment and confronted him with [redacted] accusation. He admitted what he did and said he was sorry and that he was sick. We left and started to go out and take a warrant, but decided to talk to our minister first. After relating the happening again, Mr. Morrison, our minister, suggested that we call J. B. Allen, Chief District Court Judge, member of our church, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and a friend of our family. He came to the parsonage right away and [redacted] once again related what happened.

It was agreed that J. B. Allen and Rev. Morrison would meet with Tommy that morning at 8:30 in the church's study. Later we were informed that morning and he admitted to both of them what he had done.

Since that time, [redacted] has had a very hard time dealing with what happened and has had nightmares, guilt feelings and I guess embarassment. I know that in time, he might be able to cope with this, but will not forget in a very long time.

This the 23rd day of December, 1982.

[redacted]

12-21-82

Mr Tim Harper:

Please accept this as that I do here by resign from the Cubmaster of Pack #103, Troop 103 as Asst Scoutmaster & Alumna Day Camp Director. that I do give up all connections with the boy Scouts of America in all forms.

Good Luck in your future.

May God Bless You

This I do due to my Health & Mental Problems. So that no problem may come your way God Be With You & thanks for your friendship & please pray for me.

May God Bless You
Tom [illegible]

Sorry for Any Hurt I Caused.

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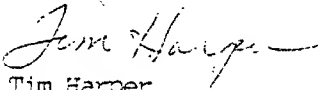
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December 23, 1982

On December 22, 1982 at approximately 9:15 AM I received a phone call from Mrs. [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] started the conversation by saying she had some information about one of our Scouting volunteers, that she felt needed to be passed on to someone. She informed me that her son, [redacted] was not in Scouting, but that the volunteer in question was coming in contact with alot of boys in Scouting and in the church. She proceeded to tell the story that her son had told her. This is her story as per our conversation.

On Sunday night, December 19, 1982 [redacted] was invited to the home of Tommy Lewis and told that several of his friends from church would be there also. [redacted] agreed to go after evening church services with Mr. Lewis to his home, to find out that no one else was going to be there. At bedtime [redacted] was going to sleep on the couch. During the night, [redacted] was awakened by Mr. Lewis rubbing him on his back. At this point Mr. Lewis told [redacted] he could not sleep on the couch, so why didn't he come get in bed with him. Upon doing this, [redacted] was surprised when Mr. Lewis proceeded to take off [redacted] underwear. Mr. Lewis then proceeded to touch [redacted] private parts and pull [redacted] close to him and tried to kiss him.

At this point [redacted] called home and asked his parents to come and get him.

Tim Harper

Tim Harper

District Executive

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DIST AWARD OF MERIT FILE

Top Scouter Award For Tommy Lewis

The highest and most coveted district award given by the Boy Scouts of America to an adult was recently presented to Tommy Lewis by the Cherokee Council, Alamance District, Burlington.

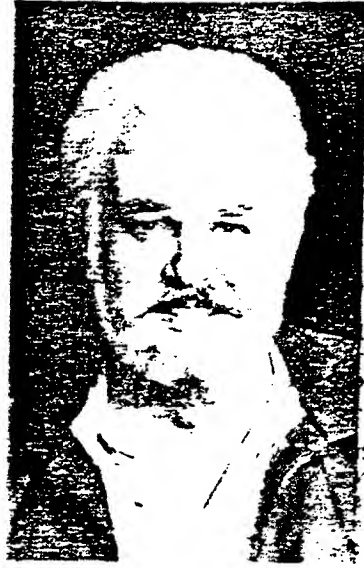
Lewis, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Lewis of Evergreen, has three sons in scouting. One is an Eagle Scout and the other two are in Troop 103 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Burlington.

A citation accompanying the award said:

"This recipient gives much of his personal time to scouting and asks for nothing in return. This individual has been involved in scouting for many years as a boy as well as an adult. He has held every position in scouting from assistant district commissioner to scouting coordinator to cubmaster. He has served as cubmaster for three different cub packs. He has served as assistant scoutmaster and associate explorer advisor. He has been described by a peer as "a scouting giant."

"This individual is not only interested in boys in his own unit but is also concerned about boys all over the district. He has become an unofficial counselor to many boys throughout the district. He holds a Scouter's Training Award and the Scouter's Key. He has served on Cub Day Camp Staff, cub training staff, Pow Wow staff and has been a campmaster at camp on numerous occasions. He is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.

"He has held several offices in his church and Sunday School. He currently is serving on the board of trustees and on the administrative board. He has served as vice-president of his son's school's P.T.A. He has served as president for the local Parents Without Partners for two years. Currently he is cubmaster of Pack 103 and spends all of his free time doing volunteer work at the scout office.

"The Alamance District takes pride in presenting the District Award of Merit to Tommy Lewis."

TOMMY LEWIS

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.
244-56-3755

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Date Submitted October 18, 198[illegible]

TO: THE DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT COMMITTEE OF Alamance District

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the AWARD OF MERIT:

Name Tommy Lewis

Address 601 E. Willowbrook Drive

City or Town Burlington, N.C. 27215

The nominee is currently registered in Scouting as CM P103, SA T103

SCOUTING RECORD

Positions (s) held (include tenure for each position): CM P103 Front St. Methodist Church) 1975-76, CM P115 (St. John's United Church of Christ) 1976-77, SC P103 (Emmanuel Methodist Church), CM P103 1979-present, AA E103 1980-81, MC T103 1977-79, SA T103 1979-present. Staff of 1981 Cub Day Camp, Campmaster numerous times, Pow-Wow & Cub Training Staff 1981.

Outstanding Accomplishments:

Please see attached letter.

Other Scouting Award Received:

- [ ] Woodbadge
- [ ] Den Leaders Award
- [x] Scouter's Key
- [x] Scouter's Award
- [ ] ____
- [ ] Scouter's Religious Award

NOTEWORTHY SERVICE OUTSIDE OF SCOUTING:
(Furnish as much information as possible. For example, President of Rotary Club; Deacon, First Baptist Church; Chairman, United Fund Drive; Vice-President, P.T.A.)

Tommy has served in various offices in the Sunday School of Emmanuel Methodist Church, and has been nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees & as a member of the Administrative Board for the coming year- (elections to be held late this year).

He is a tenor soloist in the choir.

Submitted by Betsy Black (name)

Council Registrar/ Mem. Alamance District Commi
(Scouting Position) (Unit, if applicable)

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Cherokee Council, Inc.

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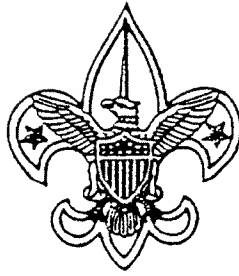
Boy Scouts of America

Phone 919 - 227-7435

December 23, 1982

COPY

Mr. Thomas B. Lewis
601 E. Willowbrook Drive
Burlington, NC 27215

Dear Tom:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America.

You should understand that BSA leadership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not measure up to the high standards of leadership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth. Please also understand that this decision and the reasons for it will be maintained as confidential.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed, please write to me explaining your version of the fact supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA leader should be reinstated.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas O. Pass, Jr.
Council President

We acknowledge and accept receipt of your written resignation dated December 21, 1982 from any and all Scouting activities.

PRIORITY SEPARATION

COUNCIL NO. 417 UNIT NO. 3103

DEATH [ ]

C. F. [X]

ADULT/BOY NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE & ZIP	STATUS	POS.
Thomas Lewis	601 E. Willowbrook	Burlington	NC 27215		CM
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12-22-82

THOMAS B. LEWIS
CM. 3103
COUNCIL 417

HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH
15 YR OLD BOY
CALL FROM S.E.

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

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